JDW- Non-progress report and note to self for future on The Unimpeachment: 3/6/75

One of the most depressing stacks on my desk has been the conclusions of this book. The 20+ pages plus footnotes and material for footnotes has been there, with the materials accumulating, since the period immediately prior to the Ray evidentiary hearing, as I recall, about last September! In all the time since I have been too busy on too many other things that had to be done to do any real work on the draft.

Now there appear to be so many other imminent needs that while I've cleaned much up it appears also to be unlikely that working on the conclusions any further is the first need when I can return to this book.

Despite all that has come out, most of the contents are not known, if most also come from cited public sources.

So, I've decided that the first thing to do when I can pick this up again is to cut the hell out of the opening. That was written when many explanations were required. They no longer are.

Fortunately, I have a separate place for this book, separate files for its backing, and have each chapter in a separate folder, with a dupe out of my possession, begun with the reported ripoff.

And by the time I have read, cut and edited the draft I'll probably have a better grasp than memory can give of what really should be in the conclusions. Its doctrine is that in time of crisis the protective institutions always fail society and in this case did.

The way my non-publishing history has gone, by the time I can return to that point an epilogue will seem appropriate!

(A fairly large percentage of my readers understand the situation and approve this. Yesterday's mail was limited to institutional orders and two delayed ones from Canada. But the day before's, all non-institutional orders included raves about the past work and thanks for its continuation in all but one. By institutional I mean libraries, colleges and several law schools. The accompanying slips reveal the most indirect sources of knowledge of the existence of WWIV. In filling the order for the Univ of Va. law school library I had to correct even the title of the dupe of their catalogue clip enclosed. All the rest except my name and address was completely inaccurate!)

Meanwhile, aside from his desire to get Post Mortem printed, Lesar is pushing me to return to Agent Oswald, the last writing on which was probably about four years ago, if not more. I've loaned him a carbon of what I'd written.

How I can expect to get any writing done....

To clean the stack of draft I had to start at 4 a.m.!!! HW